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From: Easterling, Deborah
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2015 1:30 PM
To: 'grpaly@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Duke Energy Foothills Project - Opposition

Dear Lynn Ramsey,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your email will become a part of ND-2015-20-E - Duke Energy Carolinas: Foothills Transmission and Substation Project- 45-Mile Transmission Line Between Asheville, NC, Power Plant and New Substation Near Campobello, SC, and will be posted on our website under this docket.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling
Administrative Coordinator

From: Boyd, Jocelyn
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2015 3:53 PM
To: Duke, Daphne; DeSanty, Tricia; Easterling, Deborah
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From: Lynn Ramsey [<mailto:>]
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2015 3:12 PM
To: Boyd, Jocelyn
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I am a homeowner and live at [REDACTED] and 1 of 64 other family homes in subdivision of [REDACTED] North Carolina. A small hay field lays between The Cove and The Reserve subdivision of Livingston Farms which includes well over 300 more family homes. My neighbors made me aware of Duke Energy's proposed plan to construct power lines that would directly and adversely affect my family and the families of my neighbors in both the Cove and the Reserve.

Upon reviewing the proposed route (17B), which cuts through the hay field and directly through our community, I discovered that my entire property lays within the path of the power line's corridor (red lines) along with 38 more of my neighbors. Our community has suffered greatly due to the downturn in the economy and only recently began to crawl back to the values of 2008 and prior. I am appalled that power lines would even be considered along this path as it would drastically affect property values of all residence living in such a saturated area. Duke energy stresses their desire to minimize the affected businesses, residences, and communities but I do not see how this proposed route fulfills their promise. There is ample open land to the east of our community as well as alternative options such as burying power lines that wouldn't have such a traumatic impact on the community. What is it to a mega-million dollar company to incur additional costs from pursuing

alternative options to ensure the wellbeing of their customers and the general public compared to the tens of thousands of dollars in damages (and collectively hundreds of thousands of dollars) that each property owner will suffer?

These 2 neighborhoods are FAMILY homes meaning there are just as many or more children than adults. Children and their families play and ride their bikes in the common area of our neighborhood, they also play volleyball, baseball, go on leisurely walks, have cookouts and bbqs all in the common area which is completely inside the corridor AND where the Duke tower is to make a turn to then wrap around our neighborhood once again. Cane Creek runs just a few feet where the Duke tower would be standing according to Duke's map. Would you choose to live here, much less play and walk under the tower and lines with your children? When I and my neighbors bought here, we also bought and pay for rights to our common ground that Duke is proposing to take for a tower.

I am extremely concerned and lose sleep at night over Duke Energy's proposal to install high voltage power lines and towers IN and around our neighborhood. I am concerned how our 2 neighborhoods will be separated and hacked up, and drastic decrease in property value, our physical safety and the health of me and the children and families of these neighborhoods and community as a whole, the poisons that will be sprayed and noisy equipment to upkeep Duke's right of way cleared and the impact to the environment.

Livingston Farms isn't just made up of The Cove and The Reserve but The Meadows (my parents live there) and The Cottages are part of Livingston Farms too which is 300+ more family homes. Again, our property value affects them and from a health risk I would not want to live there either. Livingston Farms is annexed into the town of Fletcher meaning we pay taxes to Henderson County as well as to the Town of Fletcher. The Town of Fletcher will suffer the hit too when our hundreds of home's value is drastically decreased and then that loss will be passed to all Fletcher homeowners by raised taxes which will not be desirable for new home buyers in the future.

Also within the corridor of 17B are highly populated areas such as Trinity View that have 78 apartments for independent living for the elderly and 20 assisted living residences, Lutheridge Chapel and their residential community, heavily populated neighborhoods on Baldwin Road like Old Covington Way with 53 and 10 apartment buildings family homes and Sunview Circle with 36 family homes.

I for one am for the advancement and development of our region but to propose such an ill-conceived route is intolerable. I will pursue all options at my disposal to prevent this project from occurring and will be adamant that my neighbors and community members join me.

I am pleading with Duke Energy, the Town of Fletcher, Henderson County, State Representatives and others to choose a different route for these high voltage power lines that will avoid such highly populated neighborhoods full of families and small children and the elderly. Fletcher has a great reputation for being a safe place to raise our families. Please help us protect the well-being and health of our families and children and the elderly.